

Workforce and Employer Support Update

OCTOBER – DECEMBER 2018



DEPARTMENT OF
**WORKFORCE
SERVICES**



JOB FAIRS & HIRING EVENTS

Standard-Examiner Career Fair

The Workforce Development Division participated as a key partner with Davis Technical College in the planning and execution of the Standard-Examiner Career Fair. More than 80 employers and 800 job seekers attended, with staff from the Clearfield and South Davis Employment Centers engaging directly with nearly 90 job seekers during the event, focusing on WIOA training services, quality registrations and services to veterans.

Veterans Job Fair

Workforce Services and the Utah Department of Veterans and Military Affairs hosted a job fair for military veterans and family members in Sandy. More than 180 job seekers visited the 90 employers and resource booths.

UPS Hiring

UPS held onsite interviews at the Richfield Employment Center and hired 19 new employees for the Sevier County area.

Work Ability Career Fair

The Utah State Office of Rehabilitation hosted its 14th annual Work Ability Career Fair in October 2018. The fall fair had more than 35 business partners and more than 200 job seekers with disabilities attending workshops, participating in mock interviews, visiting with business partners and meeting with Choose to Work Specialists and Business Relations team members.



Fox 13's Big Budah covered the Work Ability Job Fair at the Sanderson Center

SINGLE DADS



Invest in Dads Too

The Invest in Dads Too training program began in December with seven participants involved in the Empowerment Skills Workshops at the Midvale Employment Center. Upon completion of additional classes and workshops, they will transition

into various schools including Salt Lake Community College, and Davis and Mountainland Technical colleges to study welding, CNC machining and medical manufacturing technology. Staff are already working with all seven candidates for job development and placement.

APPRENTICESHIPS



Apprenticeship Job Fair

During National Apprenticeship Week, the Workforce Development Division hosted an Apprenticeship Job Fair at the Sanderson Center in Taylorsville. The event involved 15 business sponsors, four schools and 158 participants, including 16 veterans.

Registered Apprenticeship Development

At a meeting of the Rocky Mountain Gas Association, more than 30 HVAC companies discussed the shortage of skilled workers. The companies agreed to develop a Registered Apprenticeship program with the Association as the sponsor. Workforce Development Division staff provided direction for moving forward and considering other pathway initiatives, including what they can learn from Talent Ready Utah initiatives.



Sponsors and future apprentices meet at the Apprenticeship Job Fair



EMPLOYER SUPPORT



Representative Curtis speaks at the Rural Business Summit

Rural Business Summit

In November, Rep. John Curtis held a Rural Business Summit at USU Eastern, where Workforce

Services was a key partner. Service Area Director Zac Whitwell gave a presentation on “Building Tomorrow’s Workforce — How to Maximize Internships and Educational Partnerships,” including a panel of community partners experienced with internships. He also participated in a panel focusing on Resources for Your Business.

Better Your Business Seminar

The Workforce Development Division hosted a Better Your Business Breakfast seminar on “State Resources for Business — Your Partner in Recruiting, Training and Building Your Workforce” in Taylorsville. About 50 employers received an overview of Workforce Services programs and services to assist with economic development and labor force participation.

PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES



44th Annual Golden Key Awards and Disability:IN Utah Summit

The first annual Disability:IN Utah Summit and 44th Annual Golden Key awards was such a great success that organizers plan to host a similar



Lt. Governor Spencer Cox addresses the audience at the Golden Key Awards

model in 2019. More than 220 guests participated in panel sessions on mental health, disability inclusion and a keynote presentation by Thomas Panek, CEO and President of Guiding Eyes for the Blind. The partnership between Disability:IN Utah and Walmart produced six

scholarships of \$500 each for students with disabilities who are continuing their education. The 2018 Golden Key award recipients were:

- Goldman Sachs, Salt Lake City – Large Employer of the Year
- Lin's Fresh Market, Richfield – Medium Employer of the Year
- Get Air Hang Time, Orem – Small Employer of the Year
- Express Staffing Professionals, Logan – Freedom Award
- Trevor Buit – ACE Award
- Department of Administrative Services – ASAP Achievement Award

Assistive Technology Conference

The Utah Center for Assistive Technology and the Utah Assistive Technology Teams hosted their biannual Assistive Technology Conference in October 2018 at the Davis Convention Center. More than 450 participants attended 36 breakout sessions focusing on the latest devices, services and techniques that professionals and family members can use to assist individuals with disabilities in becoming independent, completing education programs or entering the workforce. The highlight of the conference was guest speaker Rick Lavoie, nationally renowned for his work with individuals with learning disabilities.

Disability Services Open House

The Utah State Office of Rehabilitation hosted its inaugural disability services open house on Oct. 3, 2018, to showcase its Specialized Services Unit, including the Utah Center for Assistive Technology, Utah Work Incentives Planning Service and the Utah Independent Living Assistive Technology Program. The open house brought together service providers, vendors and clients to share information on latest trends, services and equipment that could serve to improve the independence and employment of individuals with disabilities. More than 130 guests visited exhibits and attended mini-trainings on assistive technology, wheeled mobility options and benefits training.



EDUCATION

Pathways to Professions

More than 8,500 students and teachers and 72 exhibitors participated in the 3rd Annual Pathways to Professions Career and Technical Education showcase. The event educates middle and high school students on the pathways towards a range of highlighted careers. Workforce Services hosted a booth and provided career exploration handouts and other resource information.

STEM Expo

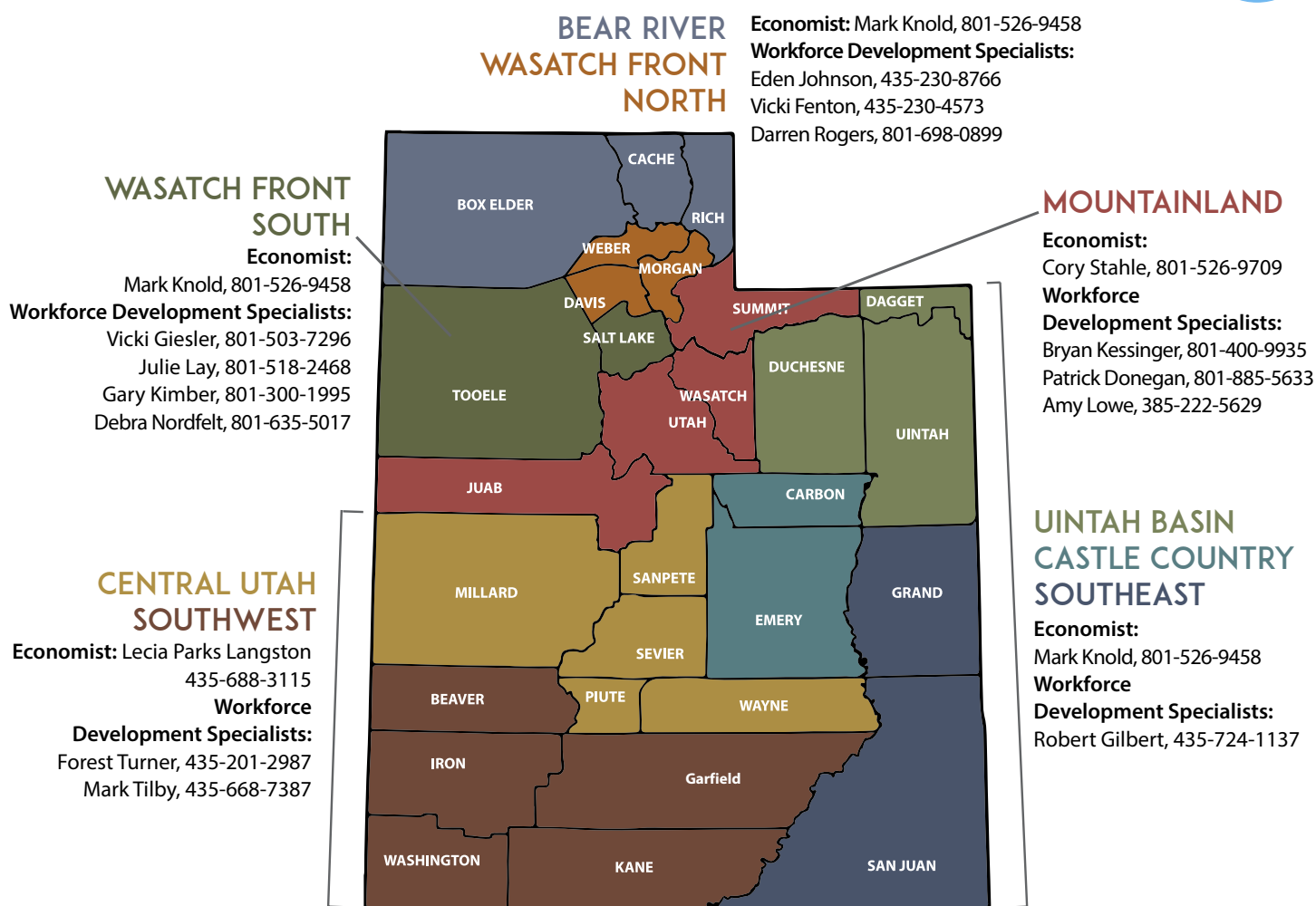
Workforce Development Division staff presented to five groups of 11th-grade students at the Southern Utah University career and STEM fair, teaching them about careers in social services, including educational requirements. During the STEM expo, the staff met individually and in small groups with over 100 students interested in pursuing employment in the STEM field.



WHAT'S NEXT

- Jan. 18: Economic Outlook and Public Policy Summit
- Jan. 31-Feb. 1: Silicon Slopes Tech Summit, siliconslopesummit.com
- Feb. 6: STEM Day on the Hill, Capitol
- Feb. 11: Aerospace Day on the Hill, Capitol
- Mar. 12: USOR Employer Workshop, 250 N. 1950 W., Salt Lake City, 9 a.m.-2 p.m.
- Mar. 21-22: Intermountain Sustainability Summit, www.weber.edu/issummit
- Mar. 27: UAMMI CrossTalk & 14th Annual Wasatch Front Materials Expo, Miller Free Enterprise Center, 9 a.m.-4 p.m.
- April 9: Work Ability Career Fair, Sanderson Center, Taylorsville, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

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HIRING PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES STATEWIDE

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